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Teaching Proposal.

Editor Evening Bulletin: In reply to your request for an expression concerning Hon. S. M. Damon's interview in your paper of the 4th instant, I would say that, in the main, he is correct.

The idea of interesting children in agriculture is excellent, but the attempt to make them laborers instead of training them to the independent citizens, earning their livelihood out of their own toil and out of the soil they cultivate is abominable.

The natural tendencies of children to drift into varied vocations are so evident that to inculcate into the young minds the principle which is now being advocated to be pressed into the public school system of Hawaii, will not produce the result desired, and the effects in that direction would be blasted. What parent is willing to have his child educated to be a cane-stripper or irrigator or any other kind of field work, for which the highest wage is 65 cents to \$1 per day, working from 12 to 14 hours per day, and nothing for any overtime? And whose children are to be trained to be "plantation field laborers," and whose to be trained for the "whiteshirt professions"?

It is very evident in Hawaii today that it is the purpose of those who have become wealthy out of the kanakas' land to force them out of all chances of becoming independent citizens and drive them to the fields. In Honolulu today, I see in most offices strange faces—most of them "Johnny-come-lately" taking the pulse of the young people of Hawaii.

The best men the world has produced—the most learned and the best demonstrators of man's ingenuity in all departments, whether political, commercial, financial, scientific, mechanical, or agricultural, were men who were born of parents of poor circumstances—sons of good, honest toilers.

Congress, when it passed the Morrill Act did not intend to train the rising American youths—those of one class to "white-shirt professors" and those of another to be laborers on the cotton, sugar, and tobacco farms of the South. No. Decidedly NO. It was the intention of Congress to give the children of those who could not afford it, every possible opportunity of learning how to produce from the soil and the means by which they could become INDEPENDENT CITIZENS of the United States; and, to those who show every mark of fitness for other vocations, every encouragement and assistance is given to acquire full knowledge in such arts to which they apply themselves.

Now, why should the children of the poor of Hawaii be forced to the fields as Coolies? That is exactly what is meant by Superintendent Babbitt's sympathy in the movement to keep the children of the public schools interested in agriculture. I think and strongly too, Babbitt and his Board ought to begin right now to fire every married woman teaching under the Department of Education whose husband can support her as well as himself, except in the case of localities where it would be impossible to secure teachers; as in many places in the outer districts on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. The policy of the Board should have been, THAT where the husband receives a sufficient salary to support himself and wife, he alone should be employed, the wife should not be made to rob another lady of equal, if not of more ability, who depend for her support upon her own toils. Discretion should have been used in this matter. What is the use of having a Normal School here, when married

women are kept on in the service, who can not pass competitive examination if they were made to undergo it? Let Babbitt and his Board direct that it shall be a part of the necessary instruction in the public schools that the elementaries which would admit advanced pupils into the College of Hawaii be taught.

The College of Hawaii is governed by a board of men of high ideals—men who are above reproach, in that they are not and do not believe in partiality, because of their own high education which they have obtained in institutions which are far above the (Oriental) public school system of Hawaii. The President of the College, whom I have not as yet had the pleasure of meeting but hope to in a few days when I have completed my investigation in the Territorial departments, is a man of very high standing in College work, and Hawaii is very fortunate to have his services. The instructors are all highly recommended. All of the above are determined to make the youths coming under their tutelage useful citizens of our Hawaii Aloha. The Hon. S. M. Damon is one of the few descendants of the early missionaries whom we Hawaiians love, because he is a true friend of the Hawaiians, and he loves us as though he were a native Hawaiian himself. From reading his interview, I see, it is his earnest desire to have more sons and daughters of Hawaii take more interest in their holdings to build up some industry whereby they would become independent and happy citizens. And it is his idea, as I judge, that those who fail in their training, and who cannot be made to appreciate the value of independent existence, should be trained to be skillful in the handling or performance of sample works around factories, etc.; and those who are fools enough to remain fools,—send them to the fields to work with the Oriental Coolies. If that is true, then I heartily agree with our friend.

Mr. Damon has given me a very good suggestion by his interview, which I will see carried out in the coming session of the Legislature. It is something which has done a great deal of good to the Western farmers a few years ago, on the mainland. As you may remember, when the farms on the mainland were going to ruin owing to the poor crops produced, the Government at Washington became interested, and sent out experts with carloads of materials and seeds for giving the farmers personal instructions as to what to do in order to save and improve their crops, stock, etc. We all know the result of that assistance. The same could be done here in a simpler way. The Legislature provide for the expenditure, and the College of Hawaii, the Federal Experiment Station, the Territorial Bureau of Agriculture send out experts in the several subjects which interest the farmers in the several localities of our Islands, and spend sufficient time at each place giving practical demonstrations and instructions free. Field demonstration does more effective work than room talk.

In conversation with Mr. A. F. Judd a few days ago he called my attention to a gentleman who passed by, who is an expert on hog-raising. Such a man should be sent at Government expense to Kula and other places on Maui and other Islands where hog-raising is carried on.

I will take this matter up with President Gilmore when I call on him early next week.

J. W. COELHO

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